

The Hindenburg line looked like any other ditch to Byng's tanks.

Where there is so much fire there are probably a few enemy agents.

One can't help wondering what the pro-Germans will be after this war.

Also a knitting needle makes a fine weapon, either for offense or defense.

Let us be up and doing—and if we can do nothing else let us do without!

Now let the allies adopt that good old American motto, "In Union There Is Strength."

But if they start to camouflage hash heaven only knows what is in storage for us!

Freedom of speech should be preserved if only for the service it performs in exposing fools.

"German agents are suspected" is getting to be almost as common as "the police are investigating."

Germany has lost half her submarine fleet, and England is as far from going on her knees as ever.

When German submarines are sunk by liners, however, there is no report of the survivors being fired on.

The best molasses pa ever tasted was the simple groceryman served on the wrapping paper.

One thing that makes the war last a long time is the man who acts as if it weren't going to last long.

It certainly comes handy for John Bull to have an uncle he can touch for \$435,000,000 when it is needed.

It is some satisfaction to know that those "please remit" things are costing them a cent more than formerly.

During a session with corn flappacks and sorghum lasses one does not care if every day shall be wheatless day.

The prudent citizen will read up on agriculture during the winter so that next summer's garden may be more of a success.

Bavarian newspapers are poking sarcasm at King Ludwig because he eats three square meals a day. But, gee! what's a king for?

Thus far this war has been conducted more efficiently than any other war we ever had—which is not saying very much. But we have never lost a war.

It is now the privilege of us Americans to be economical than before in our consumption of wheat, beef and pork.

Isn't it strange you can live in a town all your life and never notice, until some outsider comes in for a few days and makes "a survey," that it is going to the dogs?

New York papers complain that a counterfeit Liberty loan button is being worn by people who never bought a bond. This is the meanest form of fraud, because no penalty is attached.

"Let nothing spoil" is one of the slogans of the national food administration. Which advice might be passed along to some indulgent mothers.

Those who can remember back to the last time we had 3-cent letter postage in this country aren't boasting about it—especially if they're women.

The average man takes about the same pleasure in a high collar that is enjoyed by a woman in a tight corset. But they must have 'em.

The German crown prince's failure at Verdun is said to be due to stubbornness—of the French, no doubt, who refused to be defeated.

A scientist says that a guinea pig will die before he'll eat onions. Guinea pigs deserve to have their name changed.

Blaming the presence of tetanus germs in vaccine points on German spies might sound more convincing if the same thing hadn't happened so often when the whole world was at peace.

Yale has sent more than 5,000 men into war activities of one kind and another, a record that deserves higher praise than winning a football championship.

But if we had all the coal we needed, and prices were low, and the weather was satisfactory, what would we talk about?

The food conservation advertisements urge one to save sugar by using more sirup. It sounds like, "save eggs by eating more omelets."

A wire clip to hold a cow's tail against one leg when she is being milked has won a patent for a Michigan inventor. Effect of this on the price of milk is anxiously awaited.

You should never advise a mother to let her child play outdoors more. The little fellow doesn't get to play out enough as it is.

The chances for the average consumer to become an expert conversationalist before the end of the war are also good.

SAVE INNER TUBES

Theme of Educational Campaign Instituted for Economy.

CAN SAVE MOTORIST MONEY

Undue Haste in Replacing Punctured or Blown-Out Tube Is Responsible for Multitude of Sins—Pinching Is Mistake.

Ways and means of procuring the longest service from inner tubes—an appurtenance of the automobile's mechanism that is most neglected—is the theme of an educational campaign instituted by a big rubber concern in the interests of war economy. Many unexpected outbursts from air-containers originate from "sins of omission" and "commission," and by emphasizing the more glaring ones the company believes it can save the motorist dollars that otherwise would pour into the abyss of waste.

Undue haste in replacing a punctured or blown-out tube is responsible for a multitude of the "sins." The most common mistake is pinching the tube. The tube is inserted in an uneven or twisted manner. This causes it to overlap or wrinkle, with the result that in a short time it will cut through where it has been overlapped and we have a leak.

Pinches New Tube. The same trouble is also caused sometimes by putting a new tube into the tire just as it is taken from the box. When the tube is applied after mounting there is such an influx of air that it will often buckle up the tube, thereby forcing a tiny section beneath the bead spreader.

Especially will this occur if the valve stem is not pulled out to its proper position. The operator should proceed slowly when applying the tube. Before putting it into the casing it should be given a couple of "shots" of air, then it should be applied carefully, the inside—the side on which the stem occurs—being always kept inside.

When it is in the casing it should be "talc'd" carefully and the fingers forced all around the tire to make sure that the talc has been evenly distributed, and then, before the loose bead is applied, the tire should be given a little more air—enough to round it out nicely and prevent pinching.

How to Use Talc. The motorist should be cautioned against using too much talc. There are several powders procurable for keeping the tube from sticking to the casing, among these being soap stone, graphite and talc, but the use of too much of any of these proves disastrous, as a collection of substance in one place eats into the rubber. If, on the other hand, no powder be used, it will be only a short time before the heat generated will cook the tube.

Under-inflation is equally injurious to tubes. When the under-inflated tire passes over a stone both casing and tube are jolted against the rim, and sooner or later a leak will develop. All tires should be inflated to the standard prescribed by manufacturers.

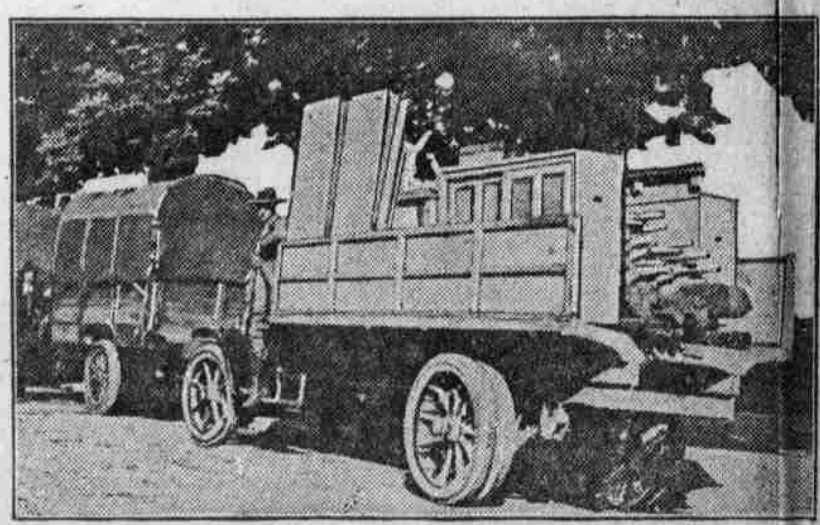
All tubes should be carried in a waterproof bag or well wrapped in newspaper.

ENGINE TROUBLE IS ELUSIVE

Dirty Distributor or Collector Ring Cause of Much Worry—Parts Should Be Wiped.

A simple defect that has caused many a car owner much fruitless investigation results from a dirty distributor or collector ring. It is natural that in the course of time dirt should accumulate on these parts, and when it does, the result is ignition troubles that are difficult to locate, as there is no easily recognized symptoms that is characteristic. It may cause a knock, or any one of a number of varieties of irregular firing. These parts should be carefully wiped at frequent intervals, and in doing this no metal tool should be used. If it is necessary to use some implement to reach narrow spaces with the wiping cloth, a soft piece of wood should be employed.

THERE ARE 300,000 MOTORS AT FRONT



LOAD OF EQUIPMENT FOR TRENCHES.

The Japanese government has just completed an investigation of the number of motorvehicles now in use by the armies at war, says Power Wagon. It finds that the central powers have about 131,500 machines, including 100,000 owned by Germany, 30,000 by Austria-Hungary, 750 by Turkey and 300 by Bulgaria. The entente allies have 172,125, including 30,000 owned by England, 80,000 by France, 40,000 by Russia, 10,000 by Italy 10,300 by Belgium, 1,700 by Roumania and 125 by Serbia.

TROUBLE IN STARTING A CAR

Difficulty Generally Due to Fact Gasoline Will Not Vaporize at Low Temperature.

The easiest way to overcome starting difficulties with an automobile in cold weather is to apply heat to the intake manifold, in the opinion of V. Collins, instructor in steam gas engineering in the Kansas agricultural college.

Trouble in starting a car in cold weather is generally due to the fact that the ordinary low grade of gasoline will not vaporize readily at temperatures.

The intake pipe leading from the carburetor is usually vertical so that gasoline will not pass through it if it is vaporized. The velocity of the air through the carburetor and intake will hold the vaporized gas in suspension when the motor is started.

By applying heat to the intake manifold enough liquid will be vaporized so that the motor will start. In this case the entire mixture is warmed rather than just the gas. Better results will be obtained where the motor is primed with gasoline and the air is allowed to enter the cylinders cold.

The simplest way to apply heat to the manifold is to pour hot water over it, care being taken not to get into the carburetor. Putting hot water into the cooling system warms the cylinder walls, but does not help get the mixture from the carburetor to the cylinder and should not be necessary if the intake is warmed.

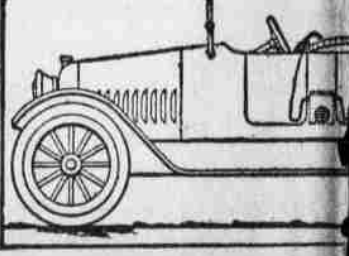
DEVICE TO PREVENT THEFT

Each Article in Car Is Attached to Chain, Pulling of Which Sets Signal in Operation.

In illustrating and describing a preventing and signaling device invented by S. A. Dennes of West Miss., the Scientific American says:

An object of this invention is to provide a device which may be used in connection with automobiles by means of which theft may be prevented.

overcoats, suitcases, umbrellas and other articles in the car.



Theft-Signal Device.

like, the object is to provide a reliable signal when an attempted theft takes place, thus calling the attention of the owner or driver to the attempt. A further object is to provide a device which may be so disposed in an automobile, that articles in the front and rear seat, may be readily protected. To accomplish this each article is secured to a chain, which is connected with an electric bell, the removal of an article will pull the plug, and thus set the signal in operation.

BLUE ILLUMINATION IS BEST

Is Brilliant Enough to Afford Reading of Various Instruments—Back Glare Eliminated.

The substitution of a blue bulb for the ordinary clear one, which illuminates the dash, has certain advantages. The blue light is brilliant enough to afford reading of the various instruments and yet all back glare is eliminated. Moreover, the blue light rather improves the appearance of the compartment at night.

IN DESCENDING A LONG HILL

To Save Gasoline Supply Shut Off Ignition—Good Plan Also to Close Throttle.

When going down a long hill shut off ignition. This also saves gasoline. Even if you use the engine as a brake, with throttle closed, you draw very little gasoline. If throttle is opened, however, you draw out a great deal, so keep the throttle closed.

Waiting Till the Answer Comes

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TEXT—I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.—Psalms 40:1.

Riding on the street car recently, I read the Fortieth Psalm two or three times through, and this is what it taught me.

This psalm is evidently an epitome of David's life, or possibly a single chapter in his history which is not yet concluded. In either case, it is a good illustration of Christian experience. It naturally divides into five parts.

1. Regeneration. Verses 1-3. David not only prayed, but he waited patiently for the answer. Many people miss the answer because they cannot wait God's time, forgetting that he has other people to attend to besides them, and that he has hindrances in his work as well as they. On one occasion Daniel prayed three full weeks before there was any token that God had even heard him. Then came a messenger from God who told him that from the first day that he began to pray, God had heard him, but that the "Prince of the kingdom of Persia" (that is the one who had charge of Satan's forces in Persia), had withstood him one and twenty days, but finally he had broken through his ranks, and was there to answer Daniel's prayer. Remember that patient waiting is just as important as praying.

David's patient waiting was well rewarded, for God did four things for him: (a) He brought him up out of a horrible pit, that is out of a condition of despair and doubt; (b) he set his feet upon the solid rock of assurance; (c) he set him going in the way of Christian service; (d) he put a song of praise into his mouth—all sure signs of a regenerate heart, and every such life is a mighty testimony to God's redeeming power.

More than sixty years ago George Muller of Bristol Orphanage, England, began to pray for a group of five friends. After five years one of them came to Christ. Five years later two more were converted. He prayed on for twenty-five years and the fourth man was saved. For the fifth he prayed until death, often expressing full confidence that he too would be brought to Christ eventually, "because," as he said, "my life so far as I know is right in God's sight; I am praying for something which is according to God's will, and I believe according to God's will, and I am praying in faith, believing that God will fulfill his promises."

2. Reflection. Verses 4-5. From his own experience, David reasons that any man who puts his trust in God will be similarly blessed, and then his thoughts reach out to the wonderful works which God has done for his children, and his more wonderful thoughts, which have not yet been put into action.

3. Consecration. Verses 7-9. An hour's honest reflection on what God has done for us, is pretty sure to lead to a whole-hearted surrender to him. It is not sacrifice or even service that God desires so much as ourselves. The best return we can make to him is that which David made: "Lord here am I, I delight to do thy will, O my God."

4. Expression. Verses 9-10. Any one who thinks he has a good thing, naturally likes to talk about it, and a genuine Christian experience is sure to find expression in testimony. David did not hide God's goodness and righteousness in his own heart, but boldly and persistently proclaimed it to others. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

5. Petition. Verses 11-17. Because David had given himself wholly to God, he felt free to call upon God to help him, not in the sense that he had earned a reward, but with the confidence of a surrendered life, which has no hesitation in asking God for anything it needs, because it knows that it would gladly render unto him any service or sacrifice that he might desire.

David is evidently in sore trouble, for he says, "Innumerable evils have compassed me about." If it be said that this does not harmonize with the early part of the psalm, which is so hopeful and jubilant, let it be remembered that changes in life come often very suddenly, and most of us live under "April skies, and not unclouded blue." No one is so fully delivered from trials and testings as to be forever exempt.

Furthermore it is not so much outward trials that trouble David as the consciousness of his own shortcomings. "Mine iniquities have taken hold upon me so that I am not able to look up." A believer may be wholly delivered from the guilt of sin, and largely from the power of sin, but there can be no deliverance from the presence of sin until Jesus comes to set us free. Hence we should expect trials until that time, but we should also expect deliverance. "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."

SECURE MUNITIONS SITE

BIG POWDER MILL WILL BE ERECTED AT HADLEY'S BEND, ON CUMBERLAND RIVER.

Gen. Crozier Closes Options on Site and Places D. C. Jackling, of California, in Charge of Work, With Orders to Rush.

Nashville.—Establishment of a government powder plant at Hadley's Bend of the Cumberland river, near Nashville, was announced at Washington, D. C., by Gen. Crozier, chief of the ordnance bureau of the war department. Construction will be started immediately on the plant, which will cost about \$60,000,000, and will employ about 15,000 men.

A preliminary force of workers already has been ordered to Nashville and the plant will be put on a production basis at the earliest possible moment.

The government has taken over options obtained on the property in November by a representative of the DuPont Powder company.

Secretary Baker announced last month that the war department had decided on the establishment of a number of powder plants to supplement the output of private manufacturers. Daniel C. Jackling, of San Francisco, who was named at that time as general director of the project, will take charge personally of the construction of the plant in Tennessee.

Plans of the war department to rush the big Hadley's Bend ordnance powder plant to the earliest possible completion are well under way, and within the next month no doubt a large force of workmen will be put to work.

Daniel C. Jackling, prominent copper king and construction expert, who has offered his services to the government in the present war emergency, will have charge of the enormous task of building the largest single powder plant ever constructed at one time in this country.

Sends New Rules for Hotels.

The federal food administration department has sent to the county administrators copies of the government regulations governing hotels, restaurants, clubs, dining cars and other eating establishments of the state, and also a general plan of how the United States food administration proposes to handle the food situation.

The state administrator says that many hotels and public eating places are not observing the request of the federal food administration. A letter sent out to the various county administrators yesterday requested that they ascertain the names of those public eating places, hotels, restaurants, etc., which are loyally supporting the food administration by observing in good faith its requests. To each will be sent attractive signs, both for outside and inside use. The federal administrator also desires to get a list of the places where the requests of the food administration are unpatriotically ignored.

Young Soldier Asks Relief.

J. H. Walling, a son of R. S. Walling, of McMinnville, has appealed to the Tennessee members of congress to extricate him from what he considers an undesirable predicament in the army. He enlisted in the aviation branch of the service and was told that he would be sent to a training camp at Detroit. Instead he received orders and a railroad pass to Camp Meade, Md., where he was assigned to one of the companies to drill in the infantry arm of the service.

Insurance Commissioner Reports.

The comparative statement of receipts of the department of insurance from 1911 to 1917, inclusive, issued by Insurance Commissioner L. K. Arrington, shows an increase over 1916 in the gross income of that department of \$51,429,27. Mr. Arrington's report also shows a decrease in expenses for the year of \$43,77.

The financial condition of the department of insurance as compared with former years reflects much credit on the administration of Commissioner Arrington. Mr. Arrington succeeded W. F. Dunbar.

Miners Working Four Days Weekly.

Fuel Administrator W. E. Myer received a report from Chief Mine Inspector Shifflett, in which he states that 184 coal mines are in operation in Tennessee, with the miners working four days a week. The report sets out that in 1916 the number of mines in operation in the state was 126, or 78 less than 1917. These 126 mines produced about 6,900,000 tons of coal in 1916, whereas the 184 mines operated in 1917 produced 7,500,000 tons.

Rifle Range Being Reconstructed.

Col. D. C. Chapman of the Fifth Tennessee regiment, national guard, announces that the government is in possession of bids for the reconstruction of the state rifle range at Fountain City, where he will recommend rifle practice for all. Arrangements will be made soon for a state encampment here if the regiment is not called into service before summer. The reconstruction of the range will be along entirely modern lines. Training to be had will be along lines of modern warfare as well.

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THE food value of cocoa has been proven by centuries of use, and dietitians and physicians the world over are enthusiastic in their endorsements of it. It is said to contain more nourishment than beef, in a more readily assimilated form. The choice, however, should be a high-grade cocoa—"Baker's" of course.



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First Patriotic Christmas.

A woman's club at South Bend hired a professional story-teller to entertain the children at a Christmas party. The Christmas story of the birth of Christ was told, and the narrator began to quiz the children about the story.

"What did the three wise men see?" she asked.

"They saw the shepherds and the star in the east," said a little girl.

"Very good; and what did they hear?"

"They heard the angels singing," was the answer.

"What did the angels sing?" Nobody seemed to know. Finally a little boy's face brightened and he sprang to his feet and almost shouted: "They sang 'The Star-Spangled Banner'!"—Indianapolis News.

Stamps Replace Pennies in Stores.

In view of the increasing shortage of pennies, a movement to give postage stamps as change has been inaugurated in Minneapolis department stores. Several stores reported that they had started such a plan and that it was working successfully. Shortage of pennies in the Northwest has become so acute that bankers in small towns have declared an embargo on coppers, according to Minneapolis bankers. Repeated pleas to the sub-treasury in Chicago have been made by local banks, but their requests for pennies have met with little or no response.—Minneapolis Tribune.

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